



*a partnership between the
City of Alexandria and its citizens*

adopt-*a*-garden



City of

Department of
Recreation, Parks
& Cultural Activities
ALEXANDRIA

Park Planning Division
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, VA 22314



adopt-*a*-garden application

name of individual : _____
name of organization: _____
address: _____ apt: _____
city: _____ state: _____ zip: _____
phone number: _____
name/location of garden: _____
proposed period of adoption: _____



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frequently asked questions

What is the program?

The adopt-a-garden program is a cooperative venture between the City of Alexandria and its citizens. Through an agreement with the City, an individual, community, or group assumes responsibility for assisting in the maintenance of a garden located on public property.

Why was the program created?

The program was created after many involved citizens and organizations expressed interest in creating new gardens on city property or maintaining existing city gardens.

What are the program's goals?

- * To educate the members of the community on the basics of horticulture
- * To beautify the city and empower its citizens.
- * To encourage the adoption of existing garden areas on public property rather than the creation of new garden areas
- * To promote the use of plants that are appropriate for a particular site and are not harmful to native ecology

How do citizens benefit?

You or your organization will benefit through an increased sense of ownership of your community and through the satisfaction of volunteering. Also, a sign bearing the adopting group or individual's name will be placed in the garden. Materials, including gloves, bark, mulch, leaf compost, trash bags, and safety literature will be provided by the City.

What would we need to do?

- * Design a plan for a garden to be approved by a park planning representative
- * Install plantings according to the approved design
- * Keep the garden weed-free
- * Cut back & mulch the garden in appropriate seasons
- * Remove litter and debris
- * Water the garden as needed
- * Report dead, damaged, and diseased plants to the City Horticulturist
- * Once a month, the group representative fills out a progress form and sends it to Park Planning
- * If an organization wishes to create, develop, expand, or modify a garden, please submit a plan to the City Horticulturist for review.

How do we apply?

First, submit the attached application to the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities for review. If approved, the department will mail an agreement to you or your group. Once the two-year agreement is finalized, a Park Planning representative and the adopting group's representative will meet at the site to discuss the needs of the particular garden.

If you have any further questions, please contact:

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